

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph no. [0001] with the following paragraph. The amendments to paragraph no. [0001] are indicated by strikethrough and underlining.

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. ~~60/389,831~~60/398,831, entitled "Quality Assurance/Quality Control for SELDI-TOF Mass Spectra," filed on July 29, 2002, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.